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AUDITORIUM
Saturday, Nov. 9.

KEITH'S
Vaudeville Stars

1000 Challenge Brass Band,
Symphony Orchestra, and a
Company of 30 of the
World's Leading
Relaxed Specialty Artists.

Tickets 15, 50 and 75c.
Open Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Box Office,
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Examinations for teachers will be held
at Brattleboro, November 25 and 26,
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Admission 10 cents. Days are required.

H. D. RYDER, County Exr.

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WANTED-A good general housework
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Glenwood Ranges

Make Cooking Easy.

EMERSON & SON, BRATTLEBORO, VT.

BY C. P. GILSON, Auct'r.

35 COWS AND HORSES 35

AT AUCTION.

As I am about to leave town to engage in

other business, I will sell at public auction,

at the farm of the late Mahala Baker, in

Brattleboro, Vt., Saturday, Nov. 2, 1901,

at 10 o'clock A. M., sharp, the following

personal property, to wit:

HORSES—One good bay horse, by Champion,

dam by Morgan, 5 years old, 14 hands, weight

1200 lbs., is a fine driver, single or double, and

not afraid of anything. One bay mare, 3 yrs.

old, 13 hands, weight 1000 lbs., safe for ladies to

drive. One good colt, 18 months old, by "Tip

Top," dam by Morgan.

GRADE COWS—Holsteins and Guernseys.

12 extra good cows, new milks, ranging in age

from 2 to 10 years, running in in March and April.

1 farrow sow, a two-year-old heifer, coming

in 1 January, 1 year old, due to calve

in December. 1 two-year-old heifer, in milk,

1 heifer calf, 1 year old, 2 and 3 year calves.

ROTHSCHILD GOATS—One goat, one

chuck steer, 1 parlor stove for coal or wood, 1

chamber set, bedstead and springs, bedding,

bed room, carpets, tables, chairs, crockery, and

other articles. Also, a large lot of furniture, and

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THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

THE GIST OF THE LATEST DISPATCHES

Sumner to be Cleared by Christians—Im-
mense cold fields. Opened—Testimony
for Schley closed—Negro lynched in
Kentucky—Suspected Poisoner Pleads
Not Guilty.

The port of Liverpool, Eng., has been
declared infected with the bubonic
plague.

R. Vorisick hung himself at North
Adams last night because his wife, a
Bennington woman, had left him.

Governor Taft has been sick in the
hospital for ten days past. He has
undergone a successful operation and
is now recovering.

Howard R. Smalley of Burlington,
has been appointed by President
Roosevelt second lieutenant of the
regular United States cavalry.

A negro, charged with forcing a 15-
year-old boy to commit crime, was
taken from jail at Haydensville, Ky.,
yesterday, ridiculed with bullets and
then hung from the highest steps of
the courthouse.

James Tappan, the nurse-suspect of
passing four persons, was arraigned
at Barre, Mass., yesterday, and
pleaded not guilty. The hearing will
be Nov. 8. The case promises to be
very sensational.

Fisher and Betts, the Boston brok-
ers who have received the people out
of a million dollars, are trying,
through counsel, to arrange a hard
which would be accepted if the men
gave themselves up.

Seventy-five families lost their homes
and \$250,000 worth of property was
destroyed in a fire at Chicago Wednes-
day night. The fire started in Peter-
son & Co's picture frame factory. Two
blocks of dwellings on Milwaukee
were wiped out.

Nathan Leonard of Timonah died
yesterday as a result of a wagon
smashup near Middlebury Wednesday.
James Marshall of Clarendon crashed
into Leonard's light roadster, with a
two horse load wagon, and drove
on without stopping to assist the
damaged car. Leonard was picked up
soon afterwards in a dying condition.

Reports from Catalagan, Samar,
say that General Smith has reliable
information regarding the where-
abouts of the insurgent leader Lucan-
tan, who is being harassed. Small
skirmishes take place daily. Catalagan
was under fire Tuesday. General
Smith expects to clear the island of
insurgents by Christmas.

News from Nome that the Russian
government will open to the mining
industry, the rest of the Siberian
peninsula extending into the Behring
Sea and Arctic ocean, embracing 68,000
square miles. A few prospectors who
have penetrated back from the coast,
say that there are just as good pros-
pects as in Seward peninsula, on
which is Cape Nome.

Charles Doherty, under sentence of
death for the murder of Fred Murphy
at Bolton Falls in March, 1899, was
executed by hanging yesterday by order
of Judge Taft of the Supreme court. A
decision will be rendered in Supreme
court today in Doherty's petition for a
new trial on the ground of evidence of
insanity in the Doherty family, discov-
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tried and sentenced.

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OBSTINATE FIRE

IN CROSBY BLOCK.

TOTAL LOSS ABOUT \$10,000.

Flames Started in the Basement of Morris
& Gregg's Store and Burned Beneath
the Floor for Nearly Two Hours—Fire-
men Volunteered Smoke Made Fight-
ing Extremely Difficult—Eleven Streams
of Water Playing on the Flames at
One Time.

The most obstinate blaze with which
the Brattleboro fire department has
had to contend in a long time started
Tuesday afternoon in the basement of
Morris & Gregg's store, burned for
nearly two hours underneath the
floor and for a time caused looks
of anxiety to appear on the faces of
every property holder on the west side
of Main street. The fire was discov-
ered shortly after two o'clock and not
five minutes had elapsed before im-
mense volumes of smoke were pouring
from the bulk-heads and windows in
the basement of Morris & Gregg's and
Clapp & Jones' store. In spite of a
slight delay in sounding the alarm
two streams of water were playing
into the cellar within ten minutes
after the blaze was first discovered
and in less than 15 minutes nine more
were doing their best to check the
course of the flames. It was not until
nearly 4:30 o'clock, however, that the
"upper control" signal was sounded
and by that time practically all of
Morris & Gregg's stock was spoiled, a
large quantity of goods in the
basement of Clapp & Jones' was
water-soaked, water was flowing
through every cellar in the block as
far down as the Vermont National
bank, and the building itself dam-
aged to the amount of \$1000 or \$2000.

The cause of the fire is a mystery
although the flames are known to have
started in the rear of Morris & Gregg's
basement probably in some stove used
as a back heater. The employees of
Morris & Gregg's smelled smoke on
their return from dinner and the odor
was so strong that Robert Gregg and
George Morris explored the basement
under both the stores in an effort to
discover any fire. They saw nothing
suspicious, however, and returned to
their work thinking that the smoke
came from some nearby boiler. Not
five minutes afterward Fred D. Morris,
who was sitting at his desk in the
rear of the store, saw quantities of
smoke issuing from the bulk-head and
immediately ran to the stairway be-
tween his store and that of Clapp &
Jones. On opening the door lead-
ing to the cellar stairs he was met
by a quantity of smoke and flame and
was obliged to close it to prevent be-
ing choked.

Simultaneously with the discovery
of the fire by Mr. Morris, Miss Law-
rence, stenographer in the Vermont
Phoenix office, noticed small columns
of smoke arising from the floor of the
office which is directly above Morris
& Gregg's. She called Mr. French's
attention to the smoke, at the same
time noticed the smoke coming from
the bulk-head below. Mr. French im-
mediately called Charles R. Crosby
who rushed down stairs with an ex-
tinguisher. He was followed by Lien
D. Taylor, and extinguishers were also
brought from the Brooks House and
Harmony block but no one could get
anywhere near the flames on account of
the dense smoke. As soon as Mr. Crosby
took in the situation he called to
Charles Welton who was in the rear
of Fox's store to ring in an alarm from
box 32 at the engine house.

This welcome tried to do but no
alarm sounded although one strike
was rung from some unknown source.
When it was found that the alarm
would not work the crowd about the
engine house dragged the chemical en-
gine to the rear of Crosby block and
began playing into the cellar way
from which by this time both smoke
and flame were issuing. In the mean-
time the smoke had begun to descend
from Main street and E. A. Chamber-
lain ran to box 37 at the corner of
Main and High streets and rang an
alarm from there.

It was only a few minutes after
alarm 37 sounded that a stream of wa-
ter was pouring on the fire from the
hydrant in front of Galvin's store and
another line of hose from the same
place was soon doing its share to ex-
tinguish the flames, both nozzles be-
ing pointed into the cellar through
the front windows. Steamer No. 3 was
dragged to the rear of the corner of
Harmony block and a line of hose
was strung from there to the rear of
Morris & Gregg's, while two lines
from Steamer No. 4 at the corner of
High and Main streets were laid
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In spite of these nine streams, how-
ever, the flames seemed to be gaining
rather than losing, the dense smoke
preventing the firemen from fighting
with any definite knowledge of the
seat of the fire. Great volumes of
smoke poured from the bulk-heads in
the rear of Clapp & Jones', Morris
& Gregg's and J. A. Pullen's stores
but no flames could be seen. For a
time the smoke was so dense that it
was with difficulty that the firemen
could hold the nozzles in the cellar
windows, and several of them nearly
collapsed with suffocation after a few
minutes work. When the difficulty
of fighting the flames was realized C.
R. Crosby telephoned for Estey's
steamer which was immediately drawn
to a position near the Valley Grain
Co. on Flat street, and two lines of
hose were laid from Whitestone brook.
Even these 11 streams seemed inef-
fectual for a time and a large part of
the furniture in the offices of the
Vermont Phoenix, H. E. Taylor & Son
and C. O. Fitts was removed by its
owners in fear that the smoke or the
large part of the block would be con-
sumed.

After an hour of persistent fighting
it became evident that the flames
were not spreading but were confined
to the center of the basement of Mor-
ris & Gregg where it was very diffi-

cult to reach them. The main danger
at this point was that the flames
might spread into the adjoining cel-
lars and every effort was made to pre-
vent this. About 3:30 o'clock the
blaze at its way through the floor
and was seen in the center of the
store. It was then a comparatively
easy matter to reach the flames and
four streams of water soon had them
in check. At about 4:30 a recall was
sounded and shortly afterwards all the
streams were turned off.

The store of Morris & Gregg pre-
sented a sorry appearance Tuesday
evening. Nearly everything on the
main floor was water-soaked and the
center of the floor was in a partial
state of collapse. The basement
looked worse than the main store, for
in addition to the water-soaked condi-
tion everything a large part of
every combustible material was badly
charred. The firm estimates its loss at
about \$5000 with a total of \$5000 in-
surance on stock and fixtures, \$5000 of
which is through the agency of Tay-
lor & Son and \$1500 with C. R. Jones.
Clapp & Jones are also heavy losers
especially on a large quantity of hol-
iday goods which were stored in the
cellar. These goods were sold to many
of the firm's wholesale customers and
a large share of them cannot be re-
placed in time for the Christmas trade.
At one time there was over three feet
of water in this cellar. The upstairs
stock of Clapp & Jones is seriously
damaged by smoke. Their loss is es-
timated at about \$3000 with insur-
ance. J. A. Pullen's stock was injured
solely by the smoke but the loss will
amount to about \$2500. He carries a
total insurance of \$5000 on stock and
fixtures through Taylors agency. If
A. J. Jones' loss was comparatively
slight, amounting between \$300 and
\$500. All of his valuable optical ap-
paratus was saved. Mellen & Proctor
also suffered slight loss by water.

As soon as the floor in Morris &
Gregg's can be temporarily repaired
the firm will begin a fire sale which
will include all their stock which is
at all damaged. While the store is
being repaired Morris & Gregg and H.
A. Jordan will have quarters in the
Brooks House sample room just be-
low the American Express company.

The amount of water which was
used in extinguishing the fire was
enormous. Crowell's reservoir was
lowered nearly four inches in less
than an hour and the pump at West
river was started in case of emergency.
Only one line of hose was laid from
the reservoir at the corner of Har-
mony block for the reason that two
lines would have exhausted the sup-
ply there. As it was there was only a
small quantity of water in the cistern
when the steamer stopped pumping.
After the flames were extin-
guished Steamer No. 4 was taken to
the rear of Pullen's store for the pur-
pose of pumping out the water which
was supposed to be in Morris & Gregg's
cellar. It was found, however, that
only a few inches remained, the main
volume having flowed down through
the other cellars as far as Holmes.

The work of the local firemen from
the first stroke of the alarm until the
last stream of water was turned off
was faithful in the extreme. The de-
lay in sounding the alarm allowed the
fire to gain such headway that it was
an exceedingly rough proposition by
the time the firemen arrived on the
scene. There was no unnecessary de-
lay, however, and the nozzles were
held in the most effective places in
spite of the dense smoke which